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acting clubs, folkdancing and gymnastics, choirs and orchestras are especially to be mentioned.

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Co-operative movements have a very important place in Finnish society. According to ancient custom, the country people, after finishing the day's work in their own fields, join together to help those who are hampered by sickness or other debilitation to gather their grain or build their barns. Moreover, the farmers form co-operative units for buying machinery, for organizing the marketing of their products, etc. Some of these have developed into extremely large enterprises. In 1949 there were 5.066 co-operative units active within the farming population, with 1,020,000 members. The central organization for agricultural co-operatives is Pellervo-Seura, established in 1899.

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183 As a rule, there exist few codes for social behavior, and each individual is left to lead his life pretty much in his own way. A drive to keep up with the neighbors is noticeable, although it is not very significant, and usually a Finn resents any kind of interference with his 183 personal life. On the other hand, a co-operative 476 spirit is evidenced in various situations. One of these is the prevailing talkoot custom, which means that a group of people, both in the country and in the cities, donate their free time to work for a sick or needy neighbor. Many war-widows and invalids have had their homes built and their crops cared for in this war, and many communities have obtained a sports-field with this free assistance.

000 As a whole, work is held in great esteem in

2+ 407 scattered patches among hills and forests. The farmers are usually quite eager to try new machines and to improve their methods, and they form co-operative units for procuring tractors and other expensive equipment.

369 463 In 1940 the percentage of the non-independent population i. e. people depending on others for an income, as compared to the total number of people in each occupation was 39 per cent in the rural areas, 73 per cent in the cities. They were distributed among different occupations in the following way:

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242 The Finnish farmers are generally willing to
476 improve their techniques and to procure modern equipment. Co-operative units, where several farmers buy a tractor or other kinds of machinery together and share them, are common.

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